[Mr. K. K. Chellappan Pillai.]

(*a*) whether they are aware that a large acreage of paddy fields in Kuttanad is left fallow this sowing season ; and

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative what steps Government have taken against this wanton destruction of national economy?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : (*a*) Government are aware that an extent of about 13,000 acres of punja lands in Kuttanad is left fallow this year ?

(*b*) Government did not think it necessary to take any action on the matter in view of the fact that these lands, if cultivated, would not adequately repay the expenses of culvation.

Rationing of food materials.

515. *MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that there is a complaint amongst the people that the paddy, rice and wheat that are rationed out are of inferior quality and unfit for use; and

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative what the Government propose to do to remedy the defect ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : (*a*) Some complaints have been received.

(*b*) Government will take the requisite steps to remedy the defects whenever they are discovered or pointed out.

Ration shops.

516. *MR. P. KOCHUKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Division Peishkars and Tahsildars have power to grant wholesale and retail licences to run ration shops under the Food Grains Control Order in cases where they are satisfied that a particular locality requires a shop.

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: No.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether complaints were received and they have been looked into ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes Sir.

PRESIDENT : Very large number of cases of complaints on examinations of paddy and other materials, have been received.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know the number ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : I could not say off hand.

MR. P. K. KUNJU : May I know the authority who is empowered to issue these licences ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : The area Rationing Officer and the State Food Rationing Officer.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know.....

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : There is no instruction.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether after the recent census any new licences have been granted in the Quilon Division.

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : It may not have been given, I must consult the Peishkar, Sir.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know by whom were these licences issued?

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MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: The Taluk Rationing Officer is issuing licences.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether the Government are aware that wholesale dealers, for example in Thiruvella, are still running retail shops side by side with wholesale shops?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: I will enquire.

Retail ration merchants in the Mavelikara taluk.

517. *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of all the retail ration merchants in the Mavelikara taluk?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: It is considered that the time and labour involved in collecting the information are out of proportion to its possible utility.

Retail ration merchants in the Pathanamthitta taluk.

518. *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the retail ration merchants in the Pathanamthitta taluk?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: It is considered that the time and labour involved in collecting the information are out of proportion to its possible utility.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: [illegible]

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: I may refer the honourable member to the statement published in Appendix I.

Food grains distributors in Ambalapuzha taluk.

519. *MR. G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a caste-war list of grain distributors in Ambalapuzha taluk?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: It is considered that the time and labour involved in collecting the information are out of proportion to its possible utility.

Wholesale and retail Merchants.

520. *MR. P. S. MOHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a taluk-war statement showing:

(*a*) the number of wholesale merchants in food-grains in 1120;

(*b*) the number of retail merchants in the same year;

(*c*) the number of wholesale merchants at present; and

(*d*) the number of retail merchants at present?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (*a*) to (*d*) The required information is furnished in the statement appended.*

Purchase of paddy.

521. *MR. P. KOCHUKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount of paddy purchased by the Travancore Government under the Settlement Pattom and on the excess basis, in the years 1120 and 1121 respectively; and

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* *Vide* Appendix I.

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